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Abraham Lincoln Quotations & Sayings

“Shall We Expect Some
Transatlantic Military
Giant...”

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

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Q.: Did Mr. Lincoln once say that if all the armies of Europe were to invade the United States not one could take a drink from the Ohio River? J. C. K.

A.: In an address made by Abraham Lincoln before the Young Men's Lyceum of Springfield, Ill., Jan. 27, 1837, he said: "All the armies of Europe, Asia and Africa combined, with all the treasure of the earth (our own excepted) in their military chest, with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not by force take a drink from the Ohio nor make a track on the Blue Ridge in a trial of a thousand years."

Q.: Who was the Quaker Poet?

Kokomo Tribune
5-30-1921

Dangers at Home

To the New York Herald Tribune:

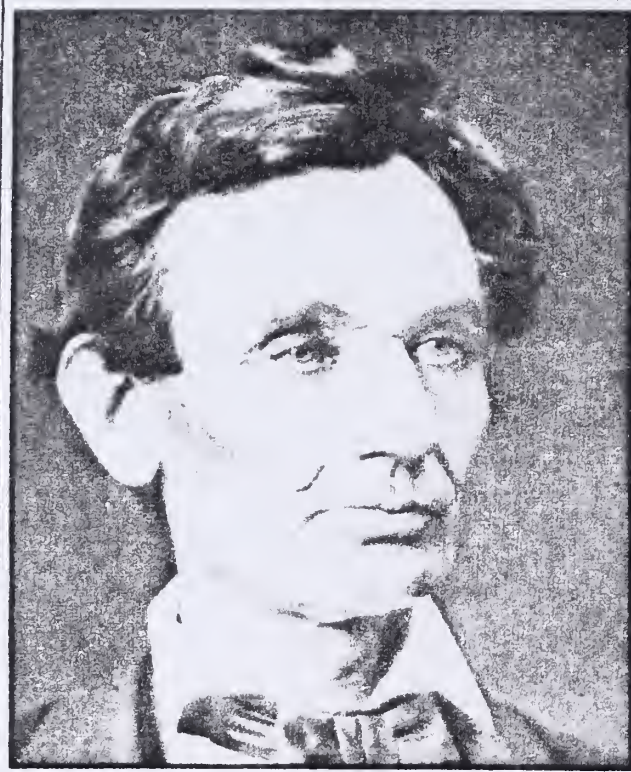
Addressing the Young Men's Lyceum of Springfield, Ill., on Feb. 27, 1837, when we were a nation only fifty years of age, with only a fraction of the present population, resources and strength, Abraham Lincoln spoke, in part, as follows:

Shall we expect some military giant to step the ocean and crush us at a blow? Never! All the armies of Europe, Asia and Africa combined, with all the treasures of the earth (our own excepted), in their military chest, with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not by force take a drink from the Ohio River or make a track on the Blue Ridge in a trial of a thousand years.

At what point then is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer, if it ever reaches us it must spring up amongst us; it cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher, as a nation of freemen we must live through all time, or die by suicide.

JAMES F. BELL.

Troy, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1941.



ABE LINCOLN ON

America's Fighting Spirit . . .

“**S**HALL we expect some transatlantic military giant to step the ocean and crush us at a blow? Never! All the armies of Europe, Asia, and Africa combined, with all the treasures of the earth (our own

excepted) in their military chest, with a Napoleon Bonaparte for a commander, could not by force take a drink from the Ohio or make a trek in the Blue Ridge mountains in a . . . thousand years.”

A. LINCOLN

Springfield, Ill., January 27, 1838.

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